MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: After the meeting of the last Food Advisory Committee, orders have been issued for the functioning of Taluk Committees at least once a month.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know when was such an order issued?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: About two weeks ago.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE (*Ambalapuzha cum Shertalla*): May I know, what about the taluk committee meeting at Shertalai?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The honourable member knows it very well.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether the Government have any information about the convening of meetings at least once a month in that place?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Government have passed stringent orders to the functioning of these committees at least once every month.

PRESIDENT: I do not think that is sufficient. As honourable members have told me, there is lurid light in the manner in which these committees are functioning. I expect that officers of Government will exercise more care on the matter and see that Government orders are carried out.

Average tax.

9. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state the average land tax including water cess per acre of paddy land in each of the taluks?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The information will be collected.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Am I to take it that the Government have not so far collected this information?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Information has to be collected in certain instances. The nature of the question is such that information has to be collected in the first instance.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Am I to take it that Government have fixed the price of paddy without taking into consideration the tax in different localities?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Settlement pattom is available with reference to each survey number and holding and the average land tax per acre cannot be ascertained without further elaborate calculations.

Quality of Milled Rice.

10. *MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have discovered any appreciable difference between rice milled in Travancore and rice milled outside Travancore?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No rice is milled in Travancore and hence a comparison is not possible.

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